



# Heywow - Enjoyable Mobile Commerce

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### **Basic Needs on the Move**





### It's not about Mobile Internet Browsing!

For Mobile Internet

anywhere, anytime, on any device<sup>1</sup>

Simple "copy and paste" of classic WWW does create only limited value for the user

is still the dominating paradigm

Heywow strongly emphasizes the basic "4R" rule.





The "4R" rule

The *right* Service,
for the *right* Person,
on the *right* Time,
at the *right* Place

The system shall be adaptive to the person's situation. Not vice versa!





### "Ease of Use" puts the Strain on Technology

If easy usage of services is a design goal, the system has to know a lot about the user's situation

If extremely high **availability** of services is a design goal, the software has to **adapt** to different types of connections, including the "no-connection"

The same is true for achieving **cost efficiency** (Don't expect wireless network costs to come near costs in fixed networks!)



### **Physical System Components**

- WID: Wireless Information Device (typically mobile phone, PDA or their successors)
- LSP: Local Service Points, give access at low cost and high bandwith, inherent location awareness
- GSP: Global Service Points, cover what LSPs don't
- Networks: Mobile Networks (GSM, GPRS, IS-95, UMTS, etc.) and Fixed Networks (LANs, WANs, PSTN, etc.)



### **Local Service Point (LSP)**









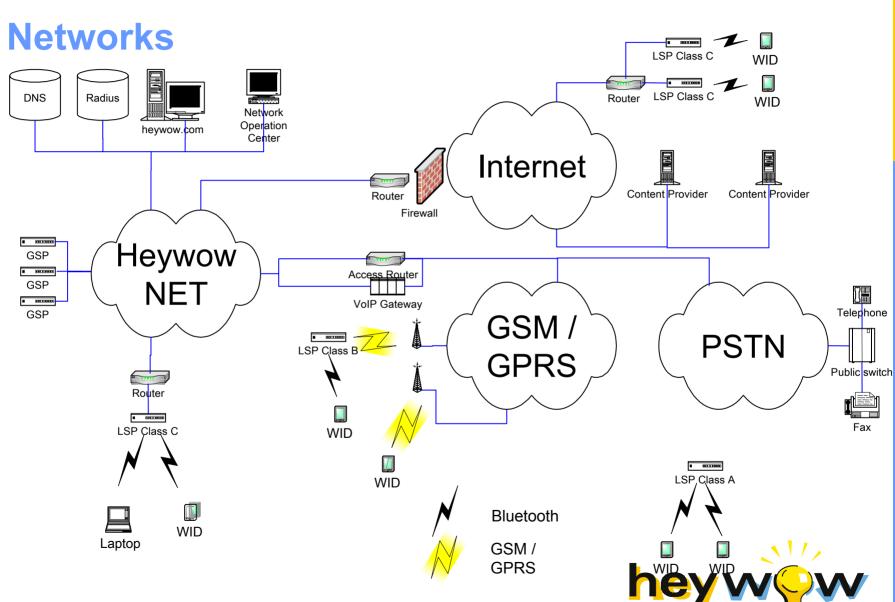
#### **Infrastructure**

- Servers
- Networks
- Administration



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### Connecting WIDs and LSPs - Bluetooth

- Versatile radio interface
- Developed to replace cables between devices
- Range: 10..100 meter
- Low power consumption:0.1 Watt (active)
- Data rate: 700 kbps
- Low target price for module: 5\$







# Integrating Bluetooth into Small Devices - Software Perspective

- Bluetooth is becoming the dominant interface on mobile phones
- Currently a gap between Application Platform on the device and the Bluetooth connection exists
- To fully employ the possibilities of Bluetooth this gap must be bridged
- Devices like mobile phones are equipped with a Java VM. Typically this is the MIDP (Mobile Information Device Profile)





# Integrating Bluetooth into Small Devices - Software Perspective

- A Java API for Bluetooth is under development
- JSR-82 targeted at devices characterized as follows:
  - ♦ 512 K minimum total memory available
  - ♦ Bluetooth network connection
  - Compliant implementation of the J2ME Connected Limited Device Configuration (CLDC)





Electric Lighting, a Role Model and More

- August, 27th. 1878 Thomas A. Edison started experimenting with electric light
- At that time, the necessary infrastructure (generators, conductors) barely existed
- Electric lighting became the most pervasive technology of the 20th century
- Today we can even use the existing lighting infrastructure to make "electronic light" the pervasive technology of the 21st century

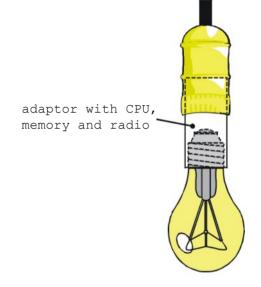


Fig. 1





#### **Inherent Location Awareness**

- Shortrange Radio provides inherent location awareness - "location awareness by physical definition" (John Gage, Sun Microsystems)
- Relevant content is frequently local
- Local Service Points (LSPs) are
  - easy to install ("Smartbulb")
  - ♦ cheap
  - transparent for the user, not for the system!
  - can provide communication capacity and content conveniently and cost efficiently







# Smart Caching, the Uninterruptable Power Source of Network Applications

- Basic assumption:
  - In the mobile world, network connections are **sometimes** available
- Design goals are:
  - always use optimal network connection, depending on urgency, network costs and availability
  - allow for continued service, even without connection ("no-connection"),
  - work transparently for the user





### **Object Repository (OR)**

- Building block for smart caching
- Current experimental prototypes with asynchronous protocol put on top of HTTP
- Currently working on a reference implementation in Java
  - ♦ We try to have the same code running on all devices (WID, LSP, GSP)
  - ♦ Some modification are necessary on MIDP-devices
- Implementations of the protocol are not restricted to Java (in fact, the protocols can be implemented with standard HTTP-server and CGIs)
- ORs can easily join and leave the system ("easy come, easy go")
- Any data-object can be handled (.class files, jpg, mp3, html etc.)
- Classloader for java-microservices





## What is Heywow?

- {Wireless, Mobile, m-Commerce} x {Peerto-peer, Internet, Service } x {Platform, Architecture, Solution, Research Project} x {...} ?
- Sorry, I don't know.
- To us, it's an idea, and a bunch of people having fun to make this idea work.
- Everybody who shares this idea is welcome to join!



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#### Invitation

- Technically oriented showcases around Sept./Okt. (targeted at interested developers)
- Showcases with public visibility are targeted for mid-2002.
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